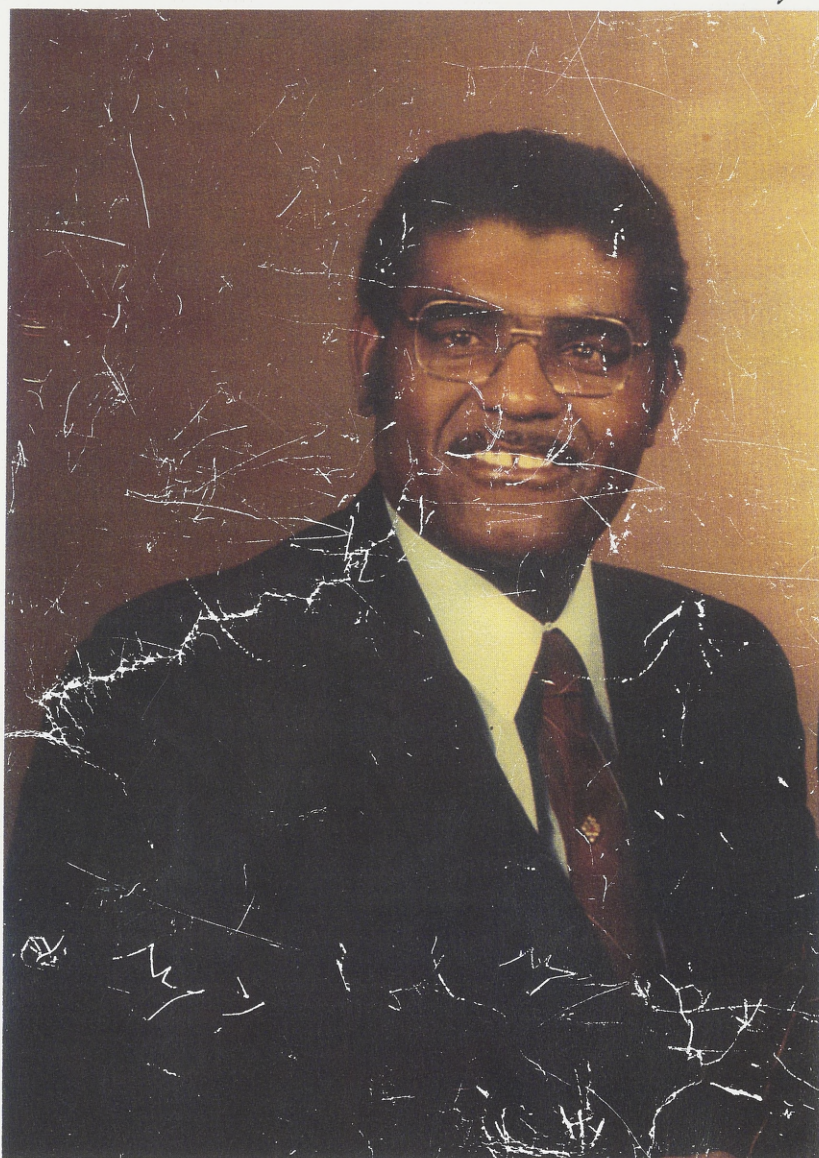


Biography *of* *Dewitt Wheeler*

Sunrise: October 3, 1934

Sunset: August 28, 2001



Gone But Not Forgotten

Romans 8:28

And we know all things work together for the good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

Dewitt Wheeler was born October 3, 1934 in Durrant, Mississippi to the proud parents of James and Lenore Wheeler he was the 8th of 15 children. At the age of 3 the Wheeler family moved to Pesacola, MO. From there to Caruthers, California in 1946 where he helped his father and mother manage the farm Dewitt attended Caruthers High School and enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1951. He was honorably discharged in 1958, he worked as a Psychiatric technician in Veterans Hospital in Fresno, California in 1958 he met and married Anese Lee. From his union his oldest son Wayne Wheeler who preceded him in death and his daughter Wanda Denise Wheeler. Dewitt also fathered Anese's children Charles, Carol, Cynthia and Connie. In 1965 Dewitt moved to Eureka, California where he met and married Geraldine Byrd to this union two children were born Zackery De Marko Wheeler and Mia Nichole Wheeler and also fathered Geraldine's daughter Felice Ticer. In 1969, Dewitt was a truck driver for Safeway stores for well over 20 years. From which he retired in 1989. He was an honored member of the teamster union, local 315. In 1973 Dewitt and Geraldine Wheeler became self-employed as Realstate Entrepreneurs. The name of the firm is Wheeler's Residential and Rentals. In 1976 Dewitt Wheeler joined membership at McGlothen Temple Church of God In Christ under the leadership of the late Bishop Clarence Davis where he became saved and sanctified filled within Holy Ghost, later on in 1976 God called him to the Ministry, Minister Wheeler also worked as a Bus Driver for McGolthen Temple and picked up children for Sunday school. He worked very closely with Dr. Mattie McGlothen in the Saints Center Breakfast Club. In 1978 Minister Wheeler graduated from C.H. Mason Bible Colleges where he received his Doctrine of Divinity during the early 80's. God put it on his heart to assist. In the building of Clearlake Pentecostal Church of God In Christ where he later became Pastor. Clearlake Pentecostal Church of God in Christ which later became Saint Center C.O.G.I.C II pastored by Pastor Wheeler. In 1983 God touched Pastor Wheeler's heart and gave him a vision to become the pastor of Saint Center Church of God in Christ in Richmond.

In 1989 Pastor Wheeler was appointed the assistant superintendent of the Richmond District by the late superintendent Jack Paul Spicer. He also was the assistant President of the Mission Department of California North West Jurisdiction. Dewitt was a life time member of the N.A.A.C.P and also the Apartment Building Association. After the passing of sister Geraldine Wheeler. Pastor Wheeler joined union with Pat Jackson of Hayward, California.

In 1997, Pastor Wheeler married Pat Jackson. He was a good inspiration to her son's Raymond Smith Jr., Kenneth Smith, Kevin Smith. Patricia Wheeler was an excellent helpmate to Pastor Wheeler when his health failed. She was not only wife but also his angel of faith. When the situation seemed to be hopeless, Patricia Wheeler had the faith and the patience of Job to hold on.

Dewitt was a easy person to talk to and people felt secured confiding in him. Dewitt "Big DE" was eager fun and persistent person, his determine hard working anything he set his mind to he would achieve.

Pastor Wheeler was a corner stone in the Richmond and Clearlake Community. He was a role model for young up and coming property owners and entrepreneurs in the community. Pastor Wheeler was dedicated to helping people in the community. He counseled with individuals on the spot, he fed the homeless and people in need. Pastor Wheeler had a big heart. Every individual that he came in contact with him appreciated his knowledge and wisdom. Pastor Wheeler preached and lived by Malachi 3:8 "Will a man rob God?" Yet ye have robbed me with your tithes and offering. Pastor Wheeler tithed not only into his ministry but to other ministries in the bay area. Before Pastor Wheeler purchased any property, he was a servant of God that believed in giving God his portion first. In church Pastor Wheeler was known for singing loudly his favorite song "Come Let's Go Up There To My Father's House". His memorable sermons were Pass the Salt, Get Yourself Out Of Sight and Man You Ain't Saw Nothing Yet.

Evangelist Lillie Walker, Evangelist Geraldine Gardener and Elder Jeff Wheeler were Pastor Wheeler's siblings whom he fellowshiped with in the ministry. They were wonderful inspirations to each other spiritually and naturally. Pastor Wheeler's eldest sister Evangelist Lillie Walker had a mothering quality that connected to her brother in a very special way. Pastor Wheeler was affectionately known to his siblings as "D" or "Big D". He loved his brothers and sisters deeply. Pastor Wheeler was a country boy at heart, he believed in gardening, farming and raising chickens and goats inside the County line.

As a father, Pastor Wheeler instilled in his children at a very early age that they were very important to him. They were the stars in his crown. He instilled hard work ethics into all of his children. Some of his famous sayings were, "There's no excuse for a young man to be without a job". "Make every minute count" and "If you keep your mind on Jesus, he'll keep you in perfect peace".

Pastor Wheeler was a hard working man. His working motto was "Why Should I Stop Working, I'll Get Enough Rest When I'm Gone".

Until We



Meet Again...